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In re Application of:

Lixiao Wang

Serial No.: 10/027,417

Examiner: R. Ghafoorian

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Group Art Unit: 3763

For: CATHETER HAVING AN IMPROVED BALLOON-TO-CATHETER BOND

Docket No.: 1001.1461101

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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By Kathleen L. Boekley
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Applicants hereby submit and request consideration of the Amendment filed herewith. Also enclosed is a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to January 13, 2004.

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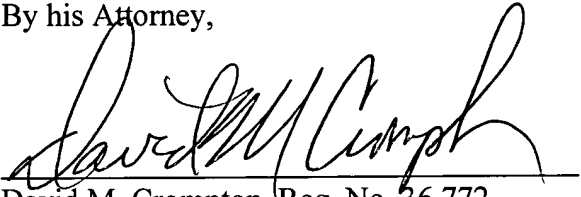
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Respectfully submitted,

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By his Attorney,

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